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The Committee concludes that there will be no military attack on the United States or its overseas forces in the near future.

Subjects of immediate concern are discussed

below.

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I. Middle East

We believe that the extension of the UNDOF mandate on the Syrian front for another six months has somewhat reduced the likelihood of hostilities for the near term.



The Iraqi government's offensive against the Kurds in northeast Iraq appears to have spent itself for the winter season, but the rebels seem to be planning attacks in an effort to regain territory they lost to the Iraqis. Some danger of a military confrontation between Iraqi and Iranian forces along their common border will remain

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reinforces the evidence

that the Communists are planning a significant intensification of the level of fighting in South Vietnam during the coming

months.

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